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SUBJECT: FONOFF REACTION TO DISARMAMENT ISSUES AT
MOSCOW SUMMIT

REFS: (A) TOKYO 8860 (NOTAL); (B) GENEVA 3239; (C) TOKYO 8008;
(D) TOKYO 8952

SUMMARY: THOUGH APPRECIATIVE OF US EFFORTS AND AWARE
OF COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED, FONOFF DISARMAMENT DIVISION
DISAPPOINTED THAT ARMS CONTROL MEASURES NOT FURTHER
ADVANCED AT SUMMIT. END SUMMARY

1. NOTING THAT COMPREHENSIVE FONOFF ASSESSMENT OF
DISARMAMENT DEVELOPMENTS AT MOSCOW SUMMIT STILL
UNDERWAY, DISARMAMENT DIV DIRECTOR NOMURA PROVIDED
EMBOFF FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS.

(A) PROTOCOL TO ABM TREATY

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WHILE PROTOCOL LIMITING ABM SITES TO ONE EACH

COUNTRY IS ESSENTIALLY ONLY RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN BY BOTH COUNTRIES, PROTOCOL IS WELCOME AND SHOULD SERVE TO PREVENT DISTORTIONS ALLOWED UNDER EARLIER AGREEMENT.

(B) SALT

SEQUENCE OF INTERIM AGREEMENT FOLLOWED BY TEMPORARY AGREEMENT WILL INTENSIFY ARMS RACE BY US AND USSR. HE SHARED EMBOFF'S HOPE FOR EARLY AGREEMENT BUT REITERATED BELIEF THAT COMPETITION WOULD SPIRAL IN MEANTIME AS BOTH SIDES PRESSED FOR SUPERIORITY.

(C) TREATY LIMITING UNDERGROUND TESTS

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY KILOTON LIMIT TOO HIGH TO PREVENT TESTS RELATED TO NEW GENERATION OF WARHEADS. DELAY INCORPORATED IN TREATY, LIKE ENVISAGED SALT AGREEMENT, WILL ALSO ACCELERATE ARMS RACE PRIOR TO TREATY'S GOING INTO EFFECT. FORTHERMORE, EXCLUSION OF EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES FROM THRESHOLD BAN EXPLICITLY REFUTS US CLAIM OF DISTINCTION BETWEEN EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL OR WEAPONS PURPOSES. INDIA CAN JUSTIFIABLY MAINTAIN THAT THRESHOLD AGREEMENT ENDORSED HER QTE PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNQTE CONCEPT.

(D) CCD AND WDC

NOMURA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEANING BEHIND COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE US-USSR QTE JOINT INITIATIVE UNQTE ON CW AND CCD. HE WELCOMED POSITIVE STATEMENT SUPPORTING WDC IN CURRENT COMMUNIQUE.

2. COMMENT: NOMURA AND DISARMAMENT DIV, LIKE PRESS, MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO DISGUISE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER WHAT THEYPERCEIVE AS LACK OF GREATER PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT MEASURES AT MOSCOW SUMMIT.
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THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT, HOWEVER, REFLECTS NEITHER LACK OF APPRECIATION FOR US EFFORTS NOR LACK OF AWARENESS OF COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND USSR ON BASIC SECURITY ISSUES. RECENT INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS HAVE RAISED JAPANESE ANXIETIES AND INTENSIFIED HOPES FOR MAJOR ADVANCE ON DISARMAMENT MEASURES IN MOSCOW.
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